

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-4, and 9-14 are currently pending in this application. Claims 5-8 have been canceled. Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Correction to Oath/Declaration

To correct the defective declaration, Applicants respectfully resubmit a copy of the declaration of the parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,202, now U.S. Patent 6,688,176, with the Application Data Sheet which was inadvertently omitted at the time of filing this divisional patent application.

Supplemental IDS

Applicants include herewith a supplemental IDS to make of record the remainder of the prior art cited in the following related patents: 6,688,176 (parent), 6,378,364 (grandparent), and 6,543,281 (uncle).

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 7 has been canceled and therefore the rejection thereof on the basis of Leopold (US 4,838,084) is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In view of the Examiner's comments regarding duplication, claim 8 has been canceled. Applicants note with appreciation the remaining claims 1-4, and 9-14 are allowed, and therefore the Application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicant. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated September 21, 2004 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

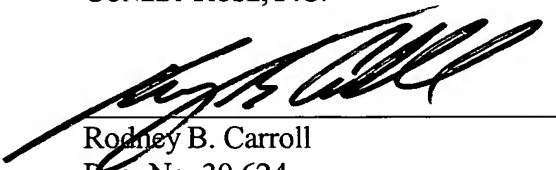
If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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